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## GRAND JURY REPORT

### County Offices Are Badly in Need of More Room.

Report of the Grand Jury for the December term, 1911, of the Criminal Court of Lafayette County, Missouri.

To the Honorable John A. Rich, Judge of the Criminal Court of Lafayette County, Missouri.

We, the Grand Jury for the December term, 1911, of the Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, report as follows:

We have made a careful inquiry into all the cases brought before us, and of which we have disposed of according to the Court's instruction.

We have visited the County Poor Farm and find the inmates and property fairly well cared for, and the conditions generally good. Yet we feel there is room for improvement, both in caring for these unfortunates as well as in looking to the best interests of this public property, and for that reason we make the following recommendations:—That concrete floors, necessary door and windows be placed in the two basement rooms to be used for laundry and other purposes; that the outside woodwork of the main building be painted and that the floors be waxed; that a sanitary urinal be placed in the men's toilet; that the room adjoining men's sitting room on the north be supplied with better and cleaner mattresses and bed clothing, and that the inmates be furnished regularly with some good reading matter, such as newspapers, magazines, and if possible a few good books, including a copy of the Bible for each room.

We have inspected the public buildings, Court House, Jail, Office Building, and found the rooms and offices well kept and in fairly good condition, and of the following suggestions:—

The front doors of the Court House should be repaired as they are very hard to open and otherwise out of repair. The ceiling of the porch in front of the main building is in bad condition; some of the boards are loose and this should be attended to at this time, as further delay will greatly increase the work necessary to be done; the doors throughout the building should be overhauled as many of them will not latch, or drag, or otherwise need some little attention; the ceiling in the toilet room is in bad condition, quite a third of it off in this room, and in fact the plastering generally should be repaired. That the old records in the ladies waiting room should be removed and stored elsewhere, if of any possible value, and if worthless they should be destroyed; that the rubbish back of the main stairway should be cleaned out of the window. We recommend connecting the room between the Prosecuting Attorney's office and the Grand Jury room, that this change should be made at once, as it would greatly facilitate the work of Grand Juries and of the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

We found the Jail well kept, but recommended new stoves in the jail, and recommended bath room for prisoners and new bath tub for Sheriff.

We have examined the offices of Sheriff, Collector, County Clerk, Probate Judge, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds, and find the records therein neatly kept and (as far

as we are able to judge) correctly kept.

We also find that the offices and vaults of the Recorder of Deeds, Circuit Clerk, and County Clerk are overcrowded and insufficient for the storing and preserving of the records; that many valuable papers and records are stored outside of the vaults. As these records involve the titles of all the real estate in Lafayette County, their destruction by fire or otherwise would be an irreparable loss to the property owners of the entire county.

We would recommend that the lower court room in the Court which is never used for court or county purposes, be converted into two or more offices with vaults for the preservation of valuable records and papers, that the overcrowded offices and vaults be enlarged and that roller shelves be provided in all offices for all valuable record books these shelves would save the cost of rebinding these records every few years, and in a short time would save the county enough money to pay for their installation.

We would further recommend that all receipt stubs over five years old stored in the Collector's office be destroyed, thus providing additional space in that office; that a cabinet file for legal papers be procured for the County Clerk; that the vault in the Circuit Clerk's office be painted and electric lights installed; and that a fire-proof safe be procured for the storage of the County Treasurer's books or else vault space be provided for them.

We find that the comparatively harmless "candy punch board" of a few months ago has developed into a gambling proposition of dangerous proportions and has invaded many classes of business, ranging from the lunch stands and restaurants with their "candy boards," to the raffling of whiskey by similar means in dramshops; and in our judgment the entire system should be stopped, and we direct that all parties having such devices in their places of business and do not take them out at once, be prosecuted therefor.

Complaints have reached the Grand Jury that in various parts of the County land owners have been guilty of encroaching upon the public highways along their farms by moving their fences out into the road, thus dangerously and illegally narrowing such roads. We hold this to be a practice most detrimental to the public at large. It is our judgment that this practice should be stopped, and we recommend that where persons have set fences out into the road they should be notified to set them back where they belong and that in all cases of neglect or refusal to do so, proper prosecution should be instituted at once against such person or persons.

We further recommend that at least the last two paragraphs of this report be published in county papers.

(Signed) George H. Hereford, Foreman.

W. B. Waddell returned Wednesday from a business trip to Kansas City.

Miss Lottie Chambers went to Kansas City Wednesday night for a brief visit with relatives.

Henry Chiles went to Kansas City Wednesday evening for a few days' visit.

## Deaths in Lafayette County.

Below will be found the number of deaths from Lafayette County, as filled with the State Board of Vital Statistics for the month of October, with the causes of deaths.

Measles 1, Diphtheria 2, Tuberculosis 3, Cancer 1, Nervous Diseases 2, Heart Disease 4, Pneumonia 1, Diarrhoea 3, Accidents 2, Other causes 14, Total 33.

Number of births in month, 51.

## Presbyterian Church.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday, December 24, at 11 o'clock by Rev. Stringfield. A welcome to all.

John M. Price went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Miss Susie Lesueur returned Wednesday from an extended stay in Kansas City.

## Pastor Accepts.

Judge W. G. McCausland has received word from Rev. W. H. Hall of Wytheville, Virginia, stating that Mr. Hall would accept the call tendered him by the congregation of the Presbyterian church of this city. Mr. Hall accompanied by his wife and son will come to Lexington about the middle of January.

## Westward Ho.

Richard and Otto Stalling left Sunday morning for Walla Walla, Washington, where they will engage in the bakery business. The Intelligencer joins with their many friends in Lexington in wishing them merited success in their new home.

Miss Agnes Reid arrived Wednesday night from St. Louis to spend the holidays with Miss Anna Wood Eggleston.

## Masons Elect Officers.

The annual election of Lexington Lodge No. 149 A. F. & A. M. was held Monday night and the following officers were chosen: G. C. Marquis, W. M.; F. Lee Wallace, S. W.; J. O. Coffin, J. W.; Henry Gelzer, Treasurer, and Henry Sinauer, Secretary.

## Mrs. Albert Ham Dead.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Albert Ham at Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Ham were enroute from Washington to Corona, California, for his wife's health, when she was taken suddenly worse and died as stated above.

Judge Zach W. Wright went to Kansas City Thursday on business.

Lee Rice arrived Wednesday from Kansas City to spend the holidays at home.

## Mills-Sims.

Mr. John Mills and Miss Nellie Sims, both of Lexington, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents on Lafayette street Wednesday evening. Rev. C. M. Davenport of the Methodist church performing the ceremony.

## Hug-Frei.

An impressive home wedding was solemnized Wednesday, December 20, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Clara Frei and Emil Hug being united in marriage.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Nigg, pastor of the German Methodist church. After the ceremony the bridal couple left for a two weeks' visit with friends in Gasconade county. On their return they will make their home near Higginsville.

## "HIS" GIFT STORE

"What shall I give HIM" How many times have you puzzled over this simple question; we say "simple question", because the solution of it is here waiting for you. Each year the increasing tendency has been to give useful gifts, and this store is filled with handsome gifts for HIM. You will find here a bewildering display of the choicest efforts of America's leading makers. The showing covers the entire field of men's apparel and accessories, from the cheapest to the most expensive articles; no detail has been neglected. Fashion's latest foibles are shown and each article is marked in full keeping with our conservative business methods. MODERATE PRICES and the great variety will make shopping here both pleasant and profitable.

## SHOP EARLY

### Suggestions for "HIS" Gift

Men's suits	\$10.00 to \$25.00	Neck ties	25c to \$1.00
Men's overcoats	\$10.00 to \$25.00	Neck ties, holiday boxes,	25c to \$1.00
Boys' suits	\$2.50 to \$5.00	Silk hose	50c
Boys' overcoats	\$3.50 to \$8.00	Silk hose and tie to match	\$1.00
Sweater coats	\$1.00 to \$3.50	Socks, 4 in holiday box,	\$1.00
Shirts, plain and plaid	50c to \$2.00	Handkerchiefs	5c to \$1.00
Night shirts, muslin,	50c to \$1.00	Handkerchiefs, boxed	50c to \$1.50
Night shirts, outing flannel	\$1.00 to \$2.50	Handkerchiefs, initial	10c to 50c
Pajamas	\$1.00 to \$2.50	Knitted Mufflers	25c to \$1.50
Smoking jackets	\$5.00 to \$7.50	Knitted English Scarfs	50c to \$1.50
Bath Robes	\$3.50 to \$7.50	Silk Reefers	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Fancy vests	\$1.00 to \$2.50	Garters, in holiday boxes	25c
House slippers, extra value,	\$1.00	Suspenders, in holiday boxes	50c and \$1.00
Hats, stiff	\$3.00 to \$5.00	Suspenders and garters	50c to \$1.50
Hats, soft	\$1.00 to \$5.00	Belt and garters	50c to \$1.00
Fur Caps, sealskin,	\$3.50 to \$7.50	Umbrellas	1.00 to \$5.00
Caps, cloth,	50c to \$1.50		
Boys' Knit caps	50c	LEATHER GOODS	EXTRA VALUES
Fur Gloves and Gauntlets	\$3.00 to \$5.00	Collar bags	50c to \$2.50
Automobile gloves	\$1.50 to \$3.00	Collar bag sets	\$2.50 to \$5.00
Kid gloves	\$1.00 to 2.00	Shoe bags	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Kid gloves, silk-lined,	\$1.50 to \$2.00	Tie Rings	50c to \$1.00
Knit gloves	25c and 50c	Traveler's Toilet sets	\$3.00 to \$5.00
Watch Fobs	50c and \$1.00	Military brushes	\$2.00 to \$4.00
Scarf Pins and Cuff buttons	50c and \$1.00	Handkerchief cases	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Scarf Pins	25c to \$1.00	Tie cases	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Cuff buttons	25c and 50c	Suit cases	\$1.00 to \$15.00
		Hand bags	\$3.50 to \$15.00

## Two Extra Values In Useful Gifts

### EXTRA SPECIAL NECKTIES IN HOLIDAY BOXES

We have 50 dozen of the season's newest ties put up in handsome holiday boxes bought at a special price. The ties are in the new stripes, Persians and floral designs—both open ends and reversibles at the extra special price of

**25c Each**

### EXTRA SPECIAL COLLAR BAGS

Worth \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50, for  
**\$1.00**

This is the full sample line of Wilson Bros., and we are offering them at less than the wholesale cost. Extra special values at

**\$1.00 Each**

## STIER CLOTHING COMPANY

"The Good Clothes Shop"